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CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An image printing apparatus, comprising:
one photographing means for photographing an
object;

storing means for storing a plurality of images of
said object photographed by said one photographing means;

selecting means for selecting a plurality of base
images on which additional images are to be inputted, from
among said plurality of images stored in said storing means;

first displaying means for displaying said
plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of
said object photographed by said one photographing means,
and which has been selected by said selecting means;

accepting means for accepting editorial input for
adding additional images, which is inputted on top of said
base images displayed by said first displaying means;

editing means for editing said based image based
on said editorial input for adding additional images
accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said base image edited
by said editing means,

wherein said first displaying means is constituted
by a plurality of display screens consisting of a first
display screen and a second display screen;

said first display screen displays, as one image, a first base image from among said plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means;

said second display screen displays, in a state where said first display screen is displaying said first base image, a second base image, as one image, which differs from said first base image, from among said plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means; and

wherein said accepting means is provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to each of said plurality of display screens constituting said first displaying means, and said accepting means has a first accepting means, which is superimposed in the upper portion of said first display screen, and which accepts a first editorial input for additional images inputted on top of said one first base image displayed on said first display screen, and a second accepting means, which is superimposed in the upper portion of said second display screen, and which accepts a second editorial input for additional images inputted on top of

said one second base image displayed on said second display screen.

2. The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that said plurality of display screens are juxtaposed.

3. The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that different types of information are displayed on said plurality of display screens, respectively.

4. The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that a display for specifying said editorial input is displayed on each of said plurality of display screens, and

said accepting means, of which a plurality are provided, accept each said editorial input based on the display for specifying said editorial input.

5. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that a selection screen of said image is displayed on a first display screen, and said image selected on said selection screen is displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens.

6. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

first storage means for storing said image displayed on a first display screen of said plurality of display screens; and

second storage means for storing said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens.

7. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 6, characterized in that said printing means prints an image stored by either said first or second storage means on a printing medium.

8. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

first sound generating means for generating a sound corresponding to a display of a first display screen of said plurality of display screens; and

second sound generating means for generating a sound corresponding to a display of a second display screen of said plurality of display screens, and

characterized in that said first sound generating means and said second sound generating means generate respectively different sounds.

9. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising second displaying means for displaying said object image photographed by said

photographing means in the vicinity of said photographing means.

10. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising stairs consisting of one or more steps of substantially the same width as said printing image apparatus, and positioned in a range where said photographing means is capable of photographing.

11. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

ejecting means for ejecting a printing medium on which said image, which is displayed on said plurality of display screens, is printed by said printing means.

12. (Amended) An image printing method of an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

one photographing means for photographing an object;

storing means for storing a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means;

selecting means for selecting a plurality of base images on which additional images are to be added, from among said plurality of images stored in said storing means;

displaying means, which is constituted by a plurality of display screens consisting of a first display screen and a second display screen, and which displays said

plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means;

accepting means, which is constituted by a first accepting portion superimposed in the upper part of said first display screen, and a second accepting portion superimposed in the upper part of said second display screen, and which accepts editorial input for adding additional images inputted on top of said base image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said base image based on said editorial input for additional images accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said base image edited by said editing means,

said image printing method being characterized in that said first display screen displays, as one image, a first base image from among said plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means, and

said second display screen displays, in a state where said first display screen is displaying said first base image, a second base image, as one image, which differs

from said first base image, from among said plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means,

said first accepting portion accepts a first editorial input for additional images inputted on top of said one first base image displayed on said first display screen, and

said second accepting means accepts a second editorial input for additional images inputted on top of said one second base image displayed on said second display screen.

13. (Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

one photographing means for photographing an object;

storing means for storing a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means;

selecting means for selecting a plurality of base images, on which additional images are to be added, from among said plurality of images stored in said storing means;

displaying means, which is constituted by a plurality of display screens consisting of a first display screen and a second display screen, and which displays said

plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means;

accepting means, which is constituted by a first accepting portion superimposed in the upper part of said first display screen, and a second accepting portion superimposed in the upper part of said second display screen, and which accepts editorial input for additional images inputted to said base image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said base image based on said editorial input for additional images accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said base image edited by said editing means,

said computer program comprising the steps of:

displaying as one image on said first display screen a first base image from among said plurality of base images, which is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means, and

displaying as one image on said second display screen a second base image, which differs from said first base image, from among said plurality of base images, which

is a plurality of images of said object photographed by said one photographing means, and which has been selected by said selecting means, in a state, wherein said first display screen is displaying said first base image,

causing said first accepting portion to accept a first editorial input for additional images inputted on top of said one first base image displayed on said first display screen, and

causing said second accepting means to accept a second editorial input for additional images inputted on top of said one second base image displayed on said second display screen.

14. (Amended) An image printing apparatus, comprising:
photographing means for photographing an object;
displaying means constituted by a plurality of display screens for displaying an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means;

printing means for printing said image edited by
said editing means; and

reflecting means for reflecting a first editorial
input accepted by one of said plurality of accepting means
as a second editorial input accepted by the other accepting
means, when said image displayed on a first display screen
and said image displayed on a second display screen of said
plurality of display screens are the same image.

15. (Amended) An image printing method for an image
printing apparatus, which comprises:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means constituted by a plurality of
display screens for displaying an image of said object
photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means, of which a plurality are provided
corresponding to said plurality of display screens,
respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted
relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said
editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by
said editing means,

said image printing method being characterized in
that a first editorial input accepted by one of said

plurality of accepting means is reflected as a second editorial input accepted by the other accepting means, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same image.

16. (Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means constituted by a plurality of display screens for displaying an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means provided in a plurality of number corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said computer program being characterized in that a first editorial input accepted by one of said plurality of accepting means is reflected as a second editorial input accepted by the other accepting means, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed

on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same image.

17. (Amended) An image printing apparatus, comprising:
photographing means for photographing an object;
displaying means for displaying an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;
accepting means for accepting editorial input inputted to said image displayed by said displaying means;
editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and
printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said image printing apparatus being characterized in that said displaying means is constituted by a plurality of display screens;

said accepting means is provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively; and

said editing means edits a special image, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same, and one of said accepting means and the other of said accepting means simultaneously

accept said editorial inputs in a location corresponding to said image.

18. (Amended) An image printing method for an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means, which is constituted by a plurality of display screens, and which displays an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said image printing method being characterized in that said editing means edits a special image, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same, and one of said accepting means and the other of said accepting means simultaneously accept said editorial inputs in a location corresponding to said image.

19. (Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

- photographing means for photographing an object;
- displaying means, which is constituted by a plurality of display screens, and which displays an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;
- accepting means are provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;
- editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and
- printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said computer program comprising the step of:

- editing a special image by said editing means,

when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same, and one of said accepting means and the other of said accepting means simultaneously accept said editorial inputs in a location corresponding to said image.

20. (Amended) An image printing apparatus, comprising:

- photographing means for photographing an object

displaying means for displaying an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said image printing apparatus being characterized in that:

said displaying means is constituted by a plurality of display screens;

said accepting means is provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively; and

said editing means edits a special image, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same image, and one of said accepting means accepts said editorial input in a location corresponding to a location in which editorial input has already been accepted by the other accepting means.

21. (Amended) An image printing method for an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means, which are constituted by a plurality of display screens, and which displays an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said image printing method being characterized in that said editing means edits a special image, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same image, and one of said accepting means accepts said editorial input in a location corresponding to a location in which editorial input has already been accepted by the other accepting means.

22. (Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling an image printing apparatus, which comprises:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means, which is constituted by a plurality of display screens, and which displays an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means provided in a plurality of numbers corresponding to said plurality of display screens, respectively, for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means; and

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means,

said computer program comprising the step of:

editing a special image by said editing means, when said image displayed on a first display screen and said image displayed on a second display screen of said plurality of display screens are the same image, and one of said accepting means accepts said editorial input in a location corresponding to a location in which editorial input has already been accepted by the other accepting means.

23. (Amended) An image printing apparatus, comprising:

photographing means for photographing an object;

displaying means for displaying an image of said object photographed by said photographing means;

accepting means for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by said displaying means;

editing means for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by said accepting means;

printing means for printing said image edited by said editing means;

setting means for setting the editable area of said image to be edited by said editing means; and

determining means for determining whether or not editorial input has been inputted in the editable area of said image,

characterized in that said editing means edits said image based on said editorial input when it has been determined by said determining means that said editorial input has been inputted in said editable area.

24. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 23, characterized in that said setting means sets as said editable area an area, in which the value of pixels constituting said image correspond to pixels, which are darker than a predetermined threshold value set beforehand.

25. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 23, characterized in that said displaying means has

a plurality of display screens, and said accepting means has:

a first accepting means corresponding to a first display screen of said plurality of display screens; and

a second accepting means corresponding to a second display screen of said plurality of display screens; and

said setting means has:

a first setting means for setting a first said editable area corresponding to said first display screen; and

a second setting means for setting a second said editable area corresponding to said second display screen.

26. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising a plurality of selecting means for selecting the percentage of said editable area for each of said plurality of display screens.

27. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 25, characterized in that first said editable area set by said first setting means is displayed on said first display screen, and second said editable area set by said second setting means is displayed on said second display screen.

28. (Amended) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising reflecting means for

reflecting editorial input by said first accepting means on said second display screen, and for reflecting editorial input by said second accepting means on said first display screen, when said image displayed on said first display screen is the same as the image displayed on the second display screen.

29. (Added) The image printing apparatus according to Claim 28, characterized in that at the least when said image displayed on said first display screen is the same as the image displayed on the second display screen, said reflecting means prohibits first said editable area from being reflected on said second display screen, and prohibits second said editable area from being reflected on said first display screen.

30. (Added) An image printing method comprising:

- a photographing step for photographing an object;
- a displaying step for displaying an image of said object photographed by the processing of said photographing step;
- an accepting step for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image displayed by the processing of said displaying step;

an editing step for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by the processing of said accepting step;

a printing step for printing said image edited by the processing of said editing step;

a setting step for setting an editable area for said image edited by the processing of said editing step; and

a determining step for determining whether or not editorial input has been inputted in said editable area of said image,

characterized in that, in the processing of said editing step, said image is edited based on said editorial input, when it has been determined by the processing of said determining step that said editorial input has been inputted in said editable area.

31. (Added) A computer program comprising:

a photographing controlling step for controlling the photographing of an object;

a display controlling step for controlling the display of an image of said object, the photographing of which is controlled by the processing of said photographing controlling step;

an accepting step for accepting editorial input inputted relative to said image, the display of which is controlled by the processing of said display controlling step;

an editing step for editing said image based on said editorial input accepted by the processing of said accepting step;

a print controlling step for controlling the printing of said image edited by the processing of said editing step;

a setting step for setting an editable area for said image edited by said editing step; and

a determining step for determining whether or not editorial input has been inputted in said editable area of said image,

characterized in that, in the processing of said editing step, said image is edited based on said editorial input, when it has been determined by the processing of said determining step that said editorial input has been inputted in said editable area.

Statement under Article 19 (1)

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the fact that editorial input is for additional images; that an base image is an image that is selected from among images, which have been photographed and stored; that a selected first base image and second base image, which differ from one another, are displayed, respectively, on a first display screen and a second display screen, which constitute a plurality of display screens; and that a first accepting means and a second accepting means accept additional images, which are displayed on a first display screen and a second display screen, respectively, and which are inputted on top of a first base image and a second base image.

According to the present invention, since a plurality of users, which are the objects photographed by one photographing means, can each input editorial input, editorial input can be inputted quickly and efficiently.